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New York Farmers Plant Record High Soybean Acreage

New York farmers planted a record high 340,000 acres of soybeans in 2012, 17 percent above the March intentions and 21 percent more than the 280,000 acres planted last year, according to King Whetstone, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 337,000 acres, 22 percent above a year earlier.

Empire State farmers planted 1,160,000 acres of corn for all purposes, 5 percent more than the acreage planted in 2011. Acreage for grain is expected to total 640,000 acres, up 3 percent from the 620,000 acres harvested last year.

Oat seedings totaled 60,000 acres in 2012, up 9 percent from last year's record low 55,000 acres. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 40,000 acres, up 18 percent from a year earlier.

A record low 8,000 acres of dry beans are expected to be planted, down 33 percent from last year.

Barley plantings totaled 10,000 acres, tying the record low equaled last year. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at a record low 8,000 acres, down 11 percent from 2011.

Acreage for harvest for all types of dry hay is expected to total 1.58 million acres, up 18 percent from last year. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures for dry hay, at 380,000 acres, is up 9 percent and acres for other types of dry hay, at 1.20 million acres, is up 21 percent from a year earlier.

U.S. corn planted area for all purposes in 2012 is estimated at 96.4 million acres, up 5 percent from last year and represents the highest planted acreage in the United States since 1937 when an estimated 97.2 million acres were planted. Growers expected to harvest 88.9 million acres for grain, up 6 percent from last year.

U.S. soybean planted area for 2012 is estimated at 76.1 million acres, up 1 percent from last year and is the highest on record. Area for harvest, at 75.3 million acres, is up 2 percent from 2011.

The first yield and production forecast will be released on August 10 for corn, soybean, dry beans, and hay. Wheat and oats will be published on July 11.

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